

Ocean & Society Survey

Ethics, Data Sharing & Analysis

Ethics

For facilitated administration: Ethics are pre-approved based on public opinion survey agency protocols. See [Focaldata FAQs](#) for more detail.

For independent administration:

- To ensure free, prior, informed consent of participants, you must consider whether ethics approval is necessary for your organization/institution. If this is the case, we have successfully applied and secured ethics approval through Dalhousie University (REDCap platform), and we can discuss avenues of support.
- Additionally, this survey is intended for any global citizen, age 18 and older, and is intended for anonymous, grouped results. The age of consent in respective countries must be considered, and the Survey Details section amended to suit current operative laws, regulations, or guidelines for research involving human subjects for respective jurisdictions. The Survey Details section must also be amended to include researcher contact information with each independent use.

Data sharing & analysis

Open-access use of participating country datasets (administered by FocalData) is available to inform shared learning and exchange. To access the datasets, we ask that you send us [an expression of interest](#) for purposes of tracking uptake and use.

Although broad analysis will be conducted by the OSS co-design team (for which interested country partners or team members are welcome to join), anyone can use datasets of interest to meet particular needs. External analyses are encouraged to be shared to ensure knowledge exchange, enabling the identification of regional trends and patterns throughout the Ocean Decade and beyond. Please contact jen@colcoalition.ca for more information on how to share.